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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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FOR: SHRINKAGE CONTROL MATERIAL AND ELASTOMERIC MOLDING

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Advisory Action mailed on January 10, 2003, and further to the Official Action dated September 19, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1, 4-6, and 18-19 and insert therefor the following new claims:

20. (New) A shrinkage control material comprising:
a resilient metal wire; and
a heat treated adhesive layer on the metal wire, the adhesive layer having adhesion to elastomeric material, wherein the metal wire is selected from the group consisting of a brass wire and a brass-plated steel wire, the adhesive layer comprises a chlorinated rubber and a chlorosulfonated polyethylene rubber, and the adhesive layer is from 5 μ m to 25 μ m thick.

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